

# Herald Weekender

## Containing Stories from Sunday's Herald

### County Services Here Threatened

A possibility that county services contracted by the city of Torrance such as library, health center, and others might be cancelled because of the city's protest over the county's "Lakewood Plan" of offering municipal services was raised this week by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Answering the city's resolutions to the county, asking that the contract services to cities be ended, Chace's deputy, Richard Newton, informed the city that Torrance had 10 such contracts, according to the records of the county.

"If we understand your resolution correctly, we are assuming that this is official notification to the County to cancel the above 10 agreements between the city of Torrance and the county of Los Angeles," Chace's deputy wrote.

#### Schools Get Money

The Torrance Unified School District will receive \$1,510,000 in federal funds for building the second units of South High School, Sen. Kuchel announced in a telegram to the HERALD Friday.

The money is to be given to the local schools under Public Law 815, by which money is given to the school districts for children of employees of businesses holding federal contracts.

This will bring the total building grants from the government since 1951 to \$4,018,060.

#### Boy Hit By Automobile

Twelve-year-old Sidney Friesland, 2727 W. 167th St., remained in critical condition yesterday at Harbor General Hospital following an accident Wednesday.

However, hospital officials report the youth is improving. The youngster was hit by a car as he was crossing Crenshaw Blvd. at 171st St., according to police.

#### Lady Sues Bus Line

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines has been named defendant in a \$30,588 suit.

The suit was filed in Inglewood Superior Court by Mrs. Bernadine Hinton, 19406 Sturges Dr.

Mrs. Hinton claims a city bus struck her car on March 22 at the corner of Lincoln Ave. and Cabrillo Ave. in Torrance.

#### Ladies Lead at Hospital

The ladies are ahead 3-0 in the baby derby at the new Rivera Hospital.

The first three arrivals in the maternity ward were all female—the mothers. But more unusual, they all gave birth to baby girls.

First to make her appearance was Colleen Ann O'Brien, born to Mrs. Lowell O'Brien, 25612 President Ave., Harbor City, who arrived at 11:34 a.m., Thursday, with Dr. H. L. Pennington attending. She weighed 7 lb. 4 oz.

#### Iron Curtain Lifted

The Iron Curtain has lifted enough to let out a few mice, squirrels, chipmunks, rats, and moles, according to a Torrance resident.

Dr. Lyle Dearden, 3217 W. 177th St., assistant professor of anatomy at the University of Southern California, has received a shipment of small mammals and copies of research articles from Russia in what is believed to be the first exchange of its type since before the Russian Revolution in 1917.

#### Dope Trial Scheduled

Two local men arrested July 18 in a raid which netted some \$5000 in narcotics were bound over to Long Beach Superior Court for an Aug. 9 hearing by South Bay Municipal Judge John A. Shidler Friday.

Robert Lemaster, 726 Portola, and Thomas J. Britt, 23841 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, were charged with possession of narcotics.

#### Cigarette Causes Fire

A cigarette dropped in a chair at 4923 Towers St., apparently started a small blaze about 1 a.m. Friday, according to Torrance firemen.

The fire was quickly put out and there was only small damage outside of the chair at the Fern Lamb residence.

#### Man Nearly Run Over

Some men who nearly ran him down with their car, returned and threw spears at his truck, Clemente Barajas, 1552 W. Carson St., told sheriff's deputies Friday.

## Modern Dance Classes Encourage Healthy Bodies, Creative Minds

Healthy bodies and creative minds are encouraged in the Torrance Recreation Department's modern dance program now under way, according to the instructor, Mickey Van Deventer.

The second session of the dances started Monday, but interested persons may attend at any time. Classes for beginners from 7 to 13 are held from 9 to 9:45 a.m. daily at the Civic Auditorium, while classes for beginners from 14 to 18 are from 10 to 10:45, and classes for advanced students 7 to 18 are from 11 to 11:45 a.m. These classes will continue through Aug. 23.

Veteran Instructor Miss Van Deventer, the instructor, has participated in classes and performances for four years at the University of Redlands. While attending there she toured throughout California and seven Western states with the University Concert Choir as featured dancer.

In addition, she completed an eight-week course at the Perry Mansfield School of

Theatre Arts and Dance in Steamboat Springs, Colo., studying under four well-known artists and participating in all dance classes and productions given during the summer.

In the classes that are getting under way the type of dance to be studied is not ballet, tap, or acrobatic dance, but modern dance. Some define it as interpretive dance because it combines techniques of various facets of "the dance" and stresses the creative element on the part of the dancer.

Original Patterns A typical class begins with warm-up exercises and various techniques. Modern dance studies follow and the classes end with various people or groups presenting dances or dance patterns that they have worked out.

The program is designed to help the participants become trim, graceful and, most of all, creative. So many young people today have their creative abilities lying dormant because they are always being

entertained by radio, TV and movies, Miss Van Deventer said. Here is a chance for these young people to learn to use their imaginations through the medium of dance. A healthy body and creative mind can be the products of a class such as this.

Shows Stated Dance numbers were presented at the annual Torrance Aquacade held on Friday. Two more shows are scheduled for the summer. The first will take place in the Torrance Park bandshell in Torrance Park on Aug. 11. The final presentation this summer will be seen at the gala open house at the Civic Auditorium on Aug. 23.

Rehearsals for these shows will be held in the afternoons at the Civic Auditorium following the regular classes. People interested in taking these classes should appear at the regular assigned time.

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